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## SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF KERN

## EMERGENCY LOCAL RULE NO. 2

Amended Effective September 7, 2021

## FACE MASKS REQUIRED IN ALL COURTHOUSE BUILDINGS FOR ALL INDIVIDUALS

Effective September 7, 2021 any person allowed or required to enter any Kern County Superior Courthouse building must wear an approved face mask over their mouth and nose regardless of their vaccination status.

A properly worn mask completely covers the nose and mouth of the wearer. A mask should be secured to the head, with ties or ear loops. A mask should fit snugly but comfortably against the side of the face. Masks do not include face shields, gaiters, bandanas or scarves. Masks can be either manufactured or homemade and should be a solid piece of material without slits, vents, exhalation valves or punctures.

If an individual needs to enter a courthouse building and cannot safely wear a mask because of a disability, as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA, 42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.), they should submit a Request for Accommodations by Persons with Disabilities and Order form, Judicial Council Form MC-410. Forms are available on the Court's website under General Information →ADA, at

https://www.courts.ca.gov/documents/mc410.pdf, or by mail upon request to the ADA Coordinator's office. Forms shall be submitted in hard copy form to the Human Resources Department or via email to HR@kern.courts.ca.gov.

Individual judicial officers reserve the authority to modify any part of this rule inside their individual courtroom.

All jurors must also self-attest to their vaccination status during jury orientation, and the Jury Department will maintain a record.

The Court reserves the authority to rescind or modify any part of this rule, as appropriate, to address changing circumstances.